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For: IDENTIFICATION OF SELF AND NON-SELF
ANTIGENS IMPLICATED IN AUTOIMMUNE
DISEASES

July 1, 2005

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 1, 2005 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A final office action was mailed April 1, 2005 in connection with the subject application. The office action provides a period of three months for filing a response. Therefore, a response is due by July 1, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.